

Raising a complaint with the Department for Education

We recognise that sometimes things go wrong and you may feel that your expectations are not being met. If you have an unresolved complaint or want to provide feedback, we would like to hear from you. It's important to work together, talk, listen and find solutions in a courteous and respectful manner, so we can improve our services.

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them to discuss your concerns. You may want to put your concerns in an email. [Find the school or preschool contact details.](#)

Most complaints are resolved quickly, but some complex matters may take more time. We will advise you if this is the case.

Step 2 – central complaint resolution

If you're not satisfied that your complaint has been addressed at the local level, you can get help from our Customer Feedback Unit (CFU).

Contact the CFU:

- [online complaint form](#)
- [feedback and complaints about a school or preschool](#)
- phone 1800 677 435 (free call).

We can help you in relation to preschool and school complaints by:

- giving advice about the issues behind the complaint
- liaising with schools and preschools to ensure all options for resolution have been explored
- objectively reviewing complaints that have not been resolved at the local level, including through a review. Refer to [internal and external reviews for complaints](#) for more information.

We can support you in relation to corporate office complaints by:

- connecting you to the correct person or area to address your complaint
- referring your matter if unable to be resolved, to the relevant Manager or Executive.

Step 3 – external complaint resolution

If we haven't been able to resolve your complaint through steps 1 and 2, you may choose to seek independent advice from the [Ombudsman SA](#). The circumstances of your complaint will determine if they can help.

External agency contact:

Ombudsman SA (OSA)

Free call: 1800 182 150

Email: ombudsman@ombudsman.sa.gov.au

Depending on the nature of the matter, the OSA will usually ask if you have taken your complaint to the school, preschool or the CFU before approaching the Ombudsman.

Overview - steps for raising your complaint

